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SUBJ: PAKISTAN REACTS TO AFGHAN CHARGES.

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1. GOP HAS REACTED STRONGLY TO RADIO KABUL BROADCAST
CHARGING PAKISTAN WITH COMPLICITY IN ALLEGED PLOT
AGAINST DAUD REGIME. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT EVENING SEPTEMBER 22:
QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAS ALLEGED IN A
STATEMENT BROADCAST BY RADIO KABUL ON SEPTEMBER 21,
1973, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS BEEN INVOLVED
IN ALL THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACIES UNEARTHED IN
AFGHANISTAN. THIS IS A BASELESS GRATUITOUS
CHARGE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN CATEGORICALLY
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REJECTS IT. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS NOTED WITH

DEEP REGRET THAT THIS FALSE ALLEGATION HAS BEEN MADE BY A COUNTRY WITH WHICH PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRYING TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND WHOSE PEOPLE HAVE SO MANY BONDS WITH THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN. IT IS NEEDLESS TO REITERATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED POLICIES BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES. PAKISTAN HAS NEVER INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, NOR WILL IT ALLOW OTHER STATES TO INTERFERE IN ITS OWN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. UNQTE

2. ACCORDING PRESS, AFGHAN AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD WAS SUMMONED TO MFA EVENING SEPTEMBER 22 AND PRESENTED STRONG PROTEST OVER REMARKS BY AFGHAN REP PAZHWAQ AT ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

3. EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PAKISTAN TIMES SEPTEMBER 24 ASSERTED THAT IT WAS "DEPLORABLE" THAT NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE "A CRUDE ATTEMPT" TO IMPLICATE PAKISTAN IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY THROUGH "BASELESS AND GRATUITOUS" ALLEGATIONS. PAPER ALSO CITED PAZHWAQ'S "BLATANT AND BRAZEN-FACED" REMARKS AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE, AND CONTRASTED AFGHAN BEHAVIOR WITH BHUTTO'S RECENT GESTURE OF SENDING GOODWILL MESSAGE TO DAUD WHILE OVERFLYING AFGHANISTAN ENROUTE TO US. URDU LANGUAGE PRESS, BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT, HAS ALSO DEPLORED GOA'S ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE PAKISTAN IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

4. COMMENT: IF GOA INTENDS TO RESUME HARDLINE ON PUSHTUNISTAN (AS FORESEEN IN KABUL 6840) AND ALSO TO LEVEL PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST PAKISTAN EACH TIME DAUD UNDERCOVERS A DOMESTIC PLOT AGAINST HIM, FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN RELATIONS LOOK POOR INDEED.
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